GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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OUTSTANDING DUES TO DOORDARSHAN KENDRAS
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any outstanding dues payable to various Doordarshan Kendras by various companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise and Doordarshan-wise including Kolkata Doordarshan; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to recover the outstanding dues?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of outstanding dues of various companies in different Doordarshan Kendras is annexed.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that the matter is being followed up by concerned Kendras through reminders, notices etc. All the Kendras have been advised to ensure that before assigning any fresh proposal, past payment behaviour of concerned agencies/producers should be taken into account and all the dues are recovered before assigning any programme. In case of chronic defaulters, arbitration proceedings have also been initiated.